



03560.002531

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Yushi KANEKO ) Examiner: R. Abelson  
Appln. No.: 09/487,312 ) Group Art Unit: 2666  
Filed: January 19, 2000 )  
For: ENCODING APPARATUS, )  
ENCODING METHOD, AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING ) August 25, 2004  
ENCODING PROCESSING PROGRAM :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

08/26/2004 HVUONG1 00000017 09487312

02 FC:1201

86.00 OP